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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid	
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1804	920 *	1804	920 *	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
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